

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) An insulating container comprising:

a container body having a bottom wall and four upstanding side walls;

a lid located adjacent the container body;

an insulating layer fitted within the container body, said insulating layer having a bottom wall and four upstanding walls extending from the bottom wall, said insulating layer having an elongate partition separating the insulating layer into two compartments, said elongate partition extending proximate the lid such that each compartment is substantially thermally isolated from one another so that different relative temperatures may be maintained in each compartment; and

 a liner fitted within the insulating layer, said liner having at least two latches to removably secure said liner within said container body, said liner having oppositely disposed upstanding walls and a bottom wall, said latches located on the oppositely disposed upstanding walls.

6. (Original) The insulated container as recited in claim 5, wherein said latch comprises:

 a flexible arm having a hook formed on said liner; and

 a slot formed in said container body having an aperture for receipt of said hook.

7. (Original) The insulated container as recited in claim 6, wherein said liner further comprises a channel formed in said liner to vent air trapped between said liner and said insulated layer.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) An insulating container comprising:
a container body having a bottom wall and four upstanding side walls;
an insulating layer fitted within the container body, said insulating layer having a bottom wall and four upstanding walls extending from the bottom wall, said insulating layer having an elongate partition separating the insulating layer into two compartments such that each compartment is substantially thermally isolated from one another so that different relative temperatures may be maintained in each compartment; and

a liner fitted within the insulating layer, the liner having at least one coupling cavity; and wherein said coupling cavity comprises a first portion having a cylindrical cross-section; a second portion adjacent the first portion having a smaller cylindrical cross-section; a third portion adjacent the second portion having a smaller cylindrical cross-section wherein each recess may securely hold objects having an outer diameter corresponding to any one of the first portion, second portion or third portion.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The insulating container as recited in claim 16, wherein said first portion has a cylindrical cross-section with a diameter of approximately 2.6 inches.

22. (Original) The insulating container as recited in claim 16, wherein said second portion has a cylindrical cross-section with a diameter of approximately 2.3 inches.

23. (Original) The insulating container as recited in claim 16, wherein said third portion has a cylindrical cross-section with a diameter of approximately 2 inches.

24. (Currently Amended) An insulated container comprising:

a container body;

a lid located adjacent the container body;

an insulating layer fitted within the container body, said insulating layer having a bottom wall and four upstanding walls extending from the bottom wall, said insulating layer having an elongate partition separating the insulating layer into two compartments, said elongate partition extending proximate the lid such that each compartment is substantially thermally isolated from one another so that different relative temperatures may be maintained in each compartment; and

a liner configured to be removable and reusable, said liner fits substantially within the container body wherein said liner is manufactured from a rigid material and wherein said liner includes a plurality of coupling cavities.

25. (Previously Presented) The insulated container as recited in claims 24, wherein each coupling cavity comprises:

a first portion having a cross-sectional shape;

a second portion adjacent the first portion having a smaller cross-sectional shape;

and

a third portion adjacent the second portion having a smaller cross-sectional shape

wherein each recess may securely hold objects having an outer diameter corresponding to any one of the first portion, second portion, or third portion.

26. (Previously Presented) The insulating container as recited in claim 25, wherein the cross-sectional shape of the first portion, the second portion, and the third portion are polygonal.

27. (Previously Presented) The insulating container as recited in claim 25, wherein said first portion has a cylindrical cross-section with a diameter of approximately 2.6 inches.

28. (Previously Presented) The insulating container as recited in claim 25, wherein said second portion has a cylindrical cross-section with a diameter of approximately 2.3 inches.

29. (Previously Presented) The insulating container as recited in claim 25, wherein said third portion has a cylindrical cross-section with a diameter of approximately 2 inches.

30. (Previously Presented) An insulated container comprising:
a container body;

an insulating layer fitted within the container body, said insulating layer having a bottom wall and four upstanding walls extending from the bottom wall, said insulating layer having an elongate partition separating the insulating layer into two compartments such that each compartment is substantially thermally isolated from one another so that different relative temperatures may be maintained in each compartment; and

a liner fitted within the insulating layer, the liner having at least one coupling cavity; and wherein said coupling cavity comprises a first portion having a cylindrical cross-section; a second portion adjacent the first portion having a smaller cylindrical cross-section; a third portion adjacent the second portion having a smaller cylindrical cross-section wherein each portion may securely hold objects having an outer diameter corresponding to any one of the first portion, second portion, or third portion within the insulating layer; and

a lid, wherein said lid comprises at least one recess formed in the lower surface of said lid aligned with a corresponding coupling cavity such that when said lid is secured to said container body an object is supported in an approximately upright orientation.

31. (Previously Presented) The insulated container as recited in claim 30, wherein said liner comprises at least one latch, said latch comprising:

a flexible arm having a hook formed on said liner; and
a slot formed in said container body having an aperture for receipt of said hook.

32. (Previously Presented) The insulated container as recited in claim 30, wherein said liner further comprises a channel formed in said liner to vent air trapped between said liner and said insulated later.

33. (Previously Presented) The insulated container as recited in claim 30, wherein said upper surface has at least one domed portion, wherein said domed portion is sized to fit with a recess of a can or bottle.

34. (Withdrawn) An assembly comprising:
at least one container;
an insulated container comprising:
 - a body having a bottom wall and four upstanding side walls;
 - an insulating layer fitted within the container body, said insulating layer having a bottom wall and four upstanding walls extending from the bottom wall, said insulating layer having an elongate partition separating the insulating layer into two compartments comprising a first compartment maintained at a first temperature and a second compartment maintained at a second temperature wherein the container may be positioned in either the first compartment or the second compartment; and
 - a liner fitted within the insulating layer, the liner having at least one latch.
35. (Withdrawn - currently amended) The assembly as recited in claim 34, wherein the first temperature is cooler than the second temperature whereby the container is cooled when placed in the first compartment and warmed when placed in the second compartment.
36. (New) The insulated container as recited in claim 5, wherein the liner further comprises a pair of side walls forming an elongate channel.
37. (New) The insulated container as recited in claim 36, wherein the elongate partition fits into the elongate channel.
38. (New) The insulated container as recited in claim 37, wherein the lid further comprises a rib, and wherein the pair of side walls abut the rib.